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TRINITY SUNDAY (YEAR A)

Due to the Coronavirus, ALL public celebrations of Mass on Sundays and weekdays until further notice.

Our church building is now also closed for private prayer and visiting.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Fr Barry will be celebrating Mass privately.

During this time, there are many masses being streamed on the internet from around the Archdiocese and Walsingham. If you want the information sending again, please let Christine know.

The Most Holy Trinity
John 3:16-18

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that the mystery of the Trinity is an invitation to live and to love. Once we have incorporated the Trinitarian life into our personal and communal life, we come to understand the mystery of the Trinity better.

The more we live lives of faith, the more we understand the Trinity.

The more we live in unity as family and as parish community, the more we understand the Trinity.

The more we love, the more we understand how we are loved by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our whole Christian life is caught up in the life of the Trinity. In our liturgy, we pray to the Father through Jesus and in unity with the Holy Spirit. And we are taught to imitate the Trinity, which means entering more and more fully into the life of God, a life which is never selfish, but generous and compassionate. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to remind ourselves of this truth that we sometimes easily forget. Family and community form an image of the Trinity. The love and compassion of family and community give witness to the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

So, we are invited today to share in the life of the Trinity, the very life of God. We are invited to live in a way that reflects this divine love. Let us stay close to Jesus, because only in Him can we begin to understand, however little, this immense mystery of God's love for us.



Every time we make the sign of the Cross, we are expressing our belief in the Trinity. Often we do this carelessly, without any thought of what we are doing. When you make the sign of the Cross today, take a moment to pay reverence to the great mystery of the Holy Trinity. It brings together in so few words and a simple movement of the arm all that we believe in and all that we live for.

Fr Willie Purcell

For more reflections and other resources, please follow this link to the Archdiocesan resources;
www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com

SYNOD 2020



As many of you know, the four themes for the Synod finished during March and our proposals were submitted.

The Synod Office have been able to add an extra period of reflection, as we consider what our Synod can learn from the experience of living through these difficult and different times. They have produced a short film (this link will take you to a YouTube video) and a leaflet (this link takes you to the leaflet) to help guide your reflection. Please use them and encourage others to reflect too as we continue to discern the Church God is calling us to be.

As many of us have been using social media and the internet to attend mass, join in with hymnathons, attend retreats and many others, could you take some time to visit the Synod website and make a proposal. If you're unsure how to, please let one of us have your proposal and we will submit it for you.

Please note, this period of reflection has been extended **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** so if you do have a proposal, please register it, or get in touch with us to do it for you. Thank you

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND MASS OFFERINGS

many thanks to all those who have been passing their Offertory envelopes to Church, and also to those who have set up a standing order. Please contact Christine for the bank account details if you still wish to do this.

The Archdiocese have set up two new online ways to enable you to make your donation. I have provided details for both methods at the end of this newsletter. If you have any problems with them please contact Christine and she will help if she can or direct you to a contact at the Archdiocese.

During this time while we are unable to receive the Eucharist at Mass, you may like to use a prayer of spiritual communion.

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
I love you, my Jesus:
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen

Reflecting on Trinity Sunday

Once again the Archdiocese have put together a resource for this Sunday which you may find useful if you're unable to watch a Mass being live-streamed. Please use the following link to the Archdiocese resources
https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/sunday-reflections

The Catholic Pic

As well as the May issue of the Catholic Pic being available online their website is updated during the week with news from around the Archdiocese.

Please visit www.catholicpic.co.uk

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died recently, especially those from St Robert Bellarmine's and St Elizabeth's parishes.

May they rest in peace.

For those who may have lost a friend or relative during this time and are unable to attend a service, please use the resources here issued by the Archdiocese to help you remember them.
https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/pastoral-care-outreach

'A service for those unable to attend a funeral'



Don't forget to light your 'Candle of Hope' on Sunday evening at 7.00pm.

Download the poster at
www.cte.org.uk/prayersofhope

Bishop Vincent Malone RIP

Some of you may like to watch the recent services for Bishop Malone if you have missed them.

The Mass celebrated by Archbishop McMahon on Monday afternoon can be found on the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral YouTube page
www.youtube.com/watch?v=uE7dJeyyQ5c&t=20s

A recording of the Funeral Service held on Tuesday can be found on the Archdiocese YouTube page
www.youtube.com/watch?v=dG8aKUEHZ64&t=1096s

Photographs can be found on the Archdiocese Flickr page
www.flickr.com/photos/liverpoolcatholic/albums/72157714550740572

A prayer to use during these troubled times

God Our Father,
each person is precious to You.
You are the Giver of life.
Have mercy on us and protect us at this time,
as the coronavirus threatens health and life.
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.
Watch over those who are suffering,
give strength to those who are aiding the sick
and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.
We ask this of you in the name of your Son.
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Phased Reopening of Church

Following the advice from the Archdiocese regarding the reopening of Churches for private prayer, there are many things to be taken into consideration.

Before a church can be considered a team of volunteers is needed. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and must not fall into the Government shielded categories.

If you are able to volunteer, please read the separate note regarding volunteering and contact Christine. Once we have gathered the information, our proposal will be put to the Dean who will then submit it to the Archbishop. No church can reopen without a document of permission from the Archbishop

CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES
Mass for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting every person in our countries. Those who are sick, and their families, are suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love. Our front-line workers in hospitals and care homes are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable at this time.

In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those involved in the ways above, each week from next Thursday, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral, which will be live-streamed for people to join in.

This will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm

Mass on Thursday 11th June is to be broadcast from Nottingham Cathedral and will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick McKinney

Links for the live-streaming of the Masses will be found by visiting the relevant Cathedral webpage;

www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk or www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney or the Bishops' Conference Webpage www.cbcew.org.uk

Online and Text Giving

Online Giving

The Archdiocesan online giving website is now ready to be used and can receive both one-off and regular monthly donations.

To make donations directly to St Robert's, follow the link;

https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-robert-bellarmine-litherland

which will take you to a specific site for St Robert's where you will see a picture of St Robert Bellarmine's church. Donations may be made by standing order, as a one-off donation, or as a regular weekly donation. Please don't forget to tick the gift aid box if you are a UK taxpayer as this will boost your donation by 25% at no extra cost to yourself.

Text Giving

Text giving is now available for each parish and the details below are ready to use for accepting both one-off and regular donations.

Four text giving campaigns have been created for each parish. The details of each campaign are given below.

Text *STROBERT* to 70085 to donate £2. Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £2 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text *STROBERTNOINFO* to 70085.

Text *STROBERT* to 70450 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £3 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text *STROBERTNOINFO* to 70450.

Text *STROBERT* to 70460 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £5 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text *STROBERTNOINFO* to 70460.

Text *STROBERT* to 70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text *STROBERTNOINFO* to 70470.

Please contact Christine if you have any problems and she will either help or provide you with a contact at the Archdiocese.

Many thanks

RE/Art Competition

The competition is to create a piece of artwork about one of these themes and is open to EYFS, KS1, KS2 and those in secondary school.

God's good earth – can you create a work of art that shows what you think about our beautiful world. Who does it belong to? To God? To us? To all the animals?

Holy Words – what words are holy for you? Do you have favourite sayings or stories? Do you have quotes from holy books you love or have learned about? Are there any non-religious wise words that you love? Show your holy words in your artwork. What is great about the words you have chosen?

Closing date is 10th July

